

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, before line 1 and the heading "Description":

PRIORITY AND CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365 of international patent application number PCT/DE02/04521, filed on December 10, 2002, which was published as international publication number WO03/061011 A1, in German.

This application is further related to and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 to the filing date of January 15, 2002 of German patent application number 102 01 303.9, filed on January 15, 2002.